

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A hair straightening device comprising:
a body having a first portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side;
a hinge disposed near the first sides of the first and second portions pivotally connecting the first and second portions;
a plurality of bristles disposed on at least one of the inner surfaces of the first and second portions; and
a fastener mechanism disposed near the second sides of the inner surfaces of the first and second portions wherein a first part of the fastener mechanism includes a plurality of loops disposed on one of the inner surfaces and a second part of the fastener mechanism is the bristles disposed on the other of the inner surfaces.
2. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the hinge is a seam pivotally connecting the first and second portions.
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the bristles are constructed from one part of a hook and loop fastener VELCRO® material.
5. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the first and second portions are two halves of a single portion.
6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the first part of the fastener is a first part of a hook and loop fastener VELCRO®-material comprising the bristles on the first portion, and [[a]] the second part of the fastener is a second part of the hook and loop fastener VELCRO®-material disposed near the second side of the second portion.

8. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the bristles are integral to one of the first and second portions.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the first and second portions have a generally rectangular shape, wherein the hinge is located along a long side of the generally rectangular portions.

11. (currently amended) A hair straightening device comprising:

a generally rectangular body having a first portion including an inner surface, a first side and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side and a second side, wherein the first and second sides of the first and second portions define long sides of the generally rectangular body;

a hinge disposed near the first sides of the first and second portions pivotally connecting the first and second portions;

a plurality of bristles disposed on a majority of the inner surfaces of both the first and second portions of the body; and

a fastener mechanism disposed near the second side on the inner surfaces of the first and second portions, wherein a first part of the fastener mechanism includes a plurality of loops disposed on one of the inner surfaces and a second part of the fastener mechanism is the bristles disposed on the other of the inner surfaces.

12. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the hinge is a seam pivotally connecting the first and second portions.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the bristles are constructed from one part of a hook and loop fastener VELCRO®-material.

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15. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the first and second portions are two halves of a single portion.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein [[a]] the first part of the fastener is a first part of a hook and loop fastener VELCRO®-material comprising the bristles on the first portion, and [[a]] the second part of the fastener is a second part of the hook and loop fastener VELCRO®-material disposed near the second side of the second portion.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method of straightening hair comprising:
opening a body of a hair straightening device, the body including a first portion including an inner surface having a plurality of bristles, a first side, and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side, wherein the first and second portions are pivotally connected at a hinge disposed near the first sides;
placing strands of hair between the first and the second portions of the hair straightening device such that the strands of hair lay substantially parallel to the first and second sides of the first and second portions; and
closing the body with a fastener mechanism disposed near the second sides, thereby securing the hair straightening device on the strands of hair, wherein a first part of the fastener mechanism includes a plurality of loops disposed on one of the inner surfaces and a second part of the fastener mechanism is the bristles disposed on the other of the inner surfaces.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further including engaging the strands of hair with the bristles.

21. (original) The method of claim 19, further including wetting the strands of hair.

22. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method of claim 19, further including straightening hair comprising:

opening a body of a hair straightening device, the body including a first portion including an inner surface having a plurality of bristles, a first side, and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side, wherein the first and second portions are pivotally connected at a hinge disposed near the first sides;

placing strands of hair between the first and the second portions of the hair straightening device such that the strands of hair lay substantially parallel to the first and second sides of the first and second portions;

closing the body with a fastener mechanism disposed near the second sides, thereby securing the hair straightening device on the strands of hair; and

traversing the hair straightening device along and in a direction parallel to the strands of hair.